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In re Patent Application of:
Toru Ishii

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For: PUNCHING DEVICE AND WORKPIECE
PROCESSING METHOD

Examiner: B. D. Ashley

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, dated February 5, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Independent	3	- 3** =	0	X 86.00	0.00
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TOTAL					0.00

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